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JOHN GOODRICH CLARK.

On May 4, 1927, after an illness of over a year, John Goodrich Clark died at his home in Philadelphia. He was born at Economy, Indiana, on June 4, 1867, being the son of Thomas E. and Nancy Goodrich Clark. After a preliminary education at Earlham College and Ohio Wesleyan University, he attended the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1891. After his graduation he took postgraduate work at the Universities of Leipsig and Prague, after which he became an associate in gynecology at Johns Hopkins Medical School. In 1899, when only thirty-two years of age, he returned to his alma mater as professor of gynecology, which position he held until the time of his death. Early in his career he was recognized as an outstanding figure in his specialty, his work in connection with the extended operation for uterine cancer bringing him an international reputation, while many of his other early investigations were of unusual merit. He took an active and enthusiastic part in the many societies of which he was a member, and his presentations were always well prepared and eagerly received. He was honored with the presidency of the American Gynecological Society, American College of Surgeons and the Medical Club of Philadelphia, and during the World War served as a member of the General Medical Committee of the Council of National Defense. Since 1910 he had been editor of the department of gynecology of The American Journal of the Medical Sciences, through which channel his writings were familiar to our readers. As a teacher he had all the attributes necessary to obtain and hold his students' interest. In 1908, at his suggestion, and under his guidance, the Undergraduate Medical Association of the University of Pennsylvania was organized and he remained the patron of it until his death. His clinics were extremely well attended by visiting gynecologists, who were always well repaid by observing his skillful technique and hearing his delightful manner of impressing the subject under consideration. He was ever in search of improved teaching methods and his clinic was well known for many of the unique aids to teaching which he originated. His cheerful presence will be greatly missed, but his charming personality will continue to live in the minds of all who knew him.